

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

The Legislature having adjourned I herewith hand
you Senate Bill No. 17, the same being an act to provide for
co-operation between the State of Texas and the United States

Department of Agriculture and the Live Stock Sanitary Commission
and the Agricultural and Mechanical College
in the destruction of rodent pests, prairie dogs, rats, pocket

gophers and ground squirrels and predatory animals, coyotes,
wolves, Mountain Lions, bob-cats and other predatory animals and
appropriating funds for such purpose, which I hereby disapprove
and veto.

My reason for such action is that on its face it shows that
the Agricultural & Mechanical College and the Live Stock Sanitary
Commission is being put into a business that they have no business
being in. If the Agricultural & Mechanical College will stick to
its college work and the Live Stock Sanitary Commission will take
care of the ticky cattle business in the manner that they should do,
neither one of them will have time enough to go hunting for wild
animals. Frankly I do not see the viewpoint that would put tick
inspectors and college professors in company with each other to
perform Government services. I think both of them would be
entirely out of place. The bill is therefore vetoed and disapproved.

This 3rd day of April, 1925.

William A. Ferguson
Governor of Texas